In the specification:

Page 1, cancel lines 7-8 and substitute therefore the following:

# CROSS-REFERENCE TO A RELATED APPLIACTION

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in German Patent Application DE 10324005.5 filed on May 27, 2003. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an expansible anchor made of metal.

Page 2, line 5, insert the following heading:

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, cancel lines 10-22 and substitute therefore:

The expansible anchor according to the invention has an expansion sleeve of hardened steel. In order to avoid the mentioned problems of failure along the predetermined bending line, the bending line is straight. The crucial advantage of the invention lies in that difference. Considerably lower forces are required in order to buckle the expansion tongues outwards and those forces are distributed substantially more homogenously along the predetermined bending line. The expansion sleeve can thus be made of a hard, high-strength material, which is accordingly more brittle than the materials used hitherto. It is also possible for a greater wall thickness to be chosen for the expansion sleeve, especially in the region of the predetermined bending line. Preferably, the expansion sleeve is in the form of a bent stamped component which is hardened after shaping and then mounted.

Page 4, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The single Figure of the drawings is a view schematically showing an expansible anchor in accordance with the present invention as well as a setting tool for the expansible anchor.

## <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS</u>